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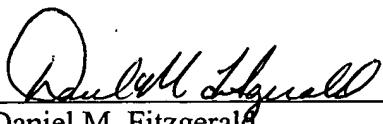
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

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Submitted herewith is a copy of Figure 3, Figure 5, Figure 6, Figure 7, Figure 8, Figure 9, Figure 10, and Figure 11 for examination in the above-referenced patent application. More specifically, with respect to the calculation of “Average Unit Cost” for “# of DAM Held” shown in Figure 5, Figure 5 has been amended to correct a typographical/calculation error. In this case, the “Average Unit Cost” equals “Weighted Cost/Process” (\$1,902,547) divided by “Total” (80). Figure 6 has also been amended to address certain issues relating to number rounding. Additionally, Figures 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 have been amended to correct certain typographical errors. The specification has also been amended to reflect the changes made to the Figures. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests the approval of the indicated drawing changes. In anticipation of approval of the drawing changes, Applicant has also submitted herewith for approval formal drawings incorporating the above-noted changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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2. Applicant

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(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> third month	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> fifth month	\$1,970.00	\$ 985.00

Fee: \$ 110.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 110.00.

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		ADDITIONAL RATE FEE		ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	
TOTAL INDEP.		MINUS		=	x \$9 = \$			x \$18 = \$	
		MINUS		=	x \$42 = \$			x \$84 = \$	
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$140 = \$			+ \$280 = \$	
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(a) No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

(b) Total additional fee for claims required \$

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5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____

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